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FOR: PREVENTIVE OR AMELIORATING AGENT FOR LIVER DISEASE INVOLVING  
HEPATOPATHY

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE FILED WITH**  
**A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

The present paper responds to the FINAL Office Action mailed January 6, 2010, and is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A Notice of Appeal was filed July 2, 2010. The present Amendment / Response is timely filed on or before September 2, 2010. The Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.